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## Don't Miss the Steamboat Excursion of the K. C. Consistory July 22. ROUND TRIP 50 CENTS

### PREACHERS VS. ECONOMY. (Continued.) BY CHAS. A. STARKS.

While we have no disposition to hound a professional class whose very name should be respected, still we feel it incumbent to expose such cunning, but time worn methods that have exploited a simple, loving, trusting people. Ignorance is the worst enemy of man. Superstition is the concomitant of ignorance. Ignorance may be enlightened, but superstition is hard to eradicate. It is much easier to start a child right than to turn him aside after years of practice either in right or wrong. It is so with the world. The beliefs founded in superstition nurtured by centuries hampers the world of progress today. Along with the beautiful and solid virtues (which are the marks of progression), are continually sprouting up vain customs and retrogressive tendencies. These are the "weeds" of existence that the combined "enemies," superstition and ignorance have sown.

Socrates drank the cup of Hemlock for the sake of advanced ideas. He first taught the immorality of soul. Another individual had said that instead of the sun moving, it stood still and the earth revolved around. Old superstition and ignorance (the unenlightened people) actually made this man retract his words. The crowd threatened to murder him for his views, but it is said that after they made him retract his statement, he yelled back defiantly at the mob, saying: "Nevertheless it moves just the same." Truth, you cannot stop it. Being itself, to even think it, is to crystallize it into fact. The fact that the "earth moved" existed centuries before this individual thought it. Greater knowledge brought about the change in thought. Superstition held the public mind in enthrallment until correct knowledge revealed the true facts, then astronomy took a leap forward.

Again, our dear America (for it is dear) once labored under the persistent tyranny of England; the "Divine Right" of kings held sway. A few individuals saw the light, Patrick Henry was particularly glorified, his voice sounded the world in defiant reverberations. "Give me liberty or give me death!" From this the "sovereignty of the people" was brought to light against the so-called "divine right of kings." Unfortunately our preachers have a false way over the church system. This seeming power is unreal and its basis is on a mere assumption of leadership. They usually claim "divine appointment" as the king did his "divine right." If a man must preach let him preach, but we prefer that the

But if the preacher is your servant in real Godly service, then he has your dearest interests at heart. He is trying to serve you instead of rule you. There are various ways of doing this. The average preacher from the pulpit that the Apostle Paul draws to young Timothy: "A Bishop (God's man) then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach. Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre (not after the money)....Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into reproach and the snare of the Devil." We know just about the measure of their blamelessness; the dissolution of the wife proposition, considering their proclivities in other directions not their own; their many cases of drunkenness answers for their sobriety; his chief vigilance in gathering dollars as against being "not greedy of filthy lucre"; and his hospitality? He has none, for the simple reason that as he produces no substance, therefore he cannot give anything. He may give freely of other's which he has garnered, but not of himself.

There must be a readjustment in church affairs. The church, built by and for the people, must become what it was intended to be. This is so from that "structure of love," which few understand, to the building of brick and mortar where they gather periodically for worship. The squandering of money must cease. The preacher must be stripped of an unnatural power, which has been too frequently used to hold back the people that somebody might have a position to dominate. The people must know the truth, they must show or reflect this in daily life, at work, at play, at home, in business and everywhere. They must be taught how to live and not how to die. They must first be taught to show their religion in ordinary things first. I dare to say that they have not been taught this as a rule. I dare to say that the average preacher does not practice this himself. I dare to say that the average citizen is afraid of the average preacher in a business deal. I dare to say that the church standard of morality is low. It is Emerson who says: "If you would raise me you yourself must be on higher ground." Another has said that "The best sermon ever preached is truth practiced."

### Shriner's Week at the Criterion Theatre.

#### PLENTY OF ENJOYMENT.

Allah Temple No. 6, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will hold forth at the Criterion Theatre, 18th and Highland. The week beginning Monday the 12th will be crowded just as full of fun as the Nobles with the assistance of Billy King and his company can fill it.

**BONES OF HIGH DEGREE.**  
The moving pictures will be in keeping with the character of the week, and a Shrine Minstrel beginning on Thursday night, in song and in jest, will tell about the hot sands each poor novice must travel over before reaching Mecca.

It has been suggested that Ill. E. S. Baker, 32, deputy for the Valley of Missouri, Scottish Rite Masons; P. C. Kincaid, Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Missouri; Eugene Lacy, District Deputy Grand Master of Masons, and Prof. W. H. Dawley, Jr., Deputy Grand High Priest, be the end men for this auspicious occasion, but a lively controversy has also arisen as to which shall handle the bones and which the tamborines. No doubt Ill. Baker can handle a tamborine in a graceful and ladylike manner, while Sir Kincaid is an adept at rattling the bones, and when occasion requires can step a clog or a jig, as between Nobles Dawley and Lacy, it's a draw.

**Interlocutor Some Punkins, Too.**  
Respective friends of Grand Commander Mosely and Grand Master Crews are urging their names for interlocutor, with the Grand Master a few points ahead owing to his splendid and imposing physique, his mellow, resonant voice and owing to the further fact that the Grand Commander is a little thin and off weight at this time of the year. All of these distinguished Masons, however, are members of Allah Temple and the whole matter will be, no doubt, amicably adjusted. Then, too, the peerless Billy King, himself a member of Allah Temple, may relieve Nobles Crews and Mosely any further embarrassment by filling the position of interlocutor. Anyway buy a ticket from any member of the Shrine and come out and see the fun. The price will be 15 cents, good for any night and a reserved seat.

#### GARRISON FIELD HOUSE.

Over 500 people were present Monday afternoon at the Fourth of July celebration, followed later in the evening by over 200 more. The hits of the afternoon were the speeches of Lawyers Hueston and Calloway, Miss Owens' pupils Indian dance, and N. Clark Smith's band. The audience was composed of persons from all parts of Greater Kansas City. Remarks were made by Messrs. J. D. Bower and L. C. Steward, and also Mrs. E. M. Crews of the Welfare Board.

Mr. Chas. Stevens, a prominent Mason of Hannibal, Mo., visited friends in this city the past week.



PROF. T. W. H. WILLIAMS.

Principal of Bruce School and one of the leading educators of this city, who is contributing a series of sensible and timely articles upon the "Back to the Farm" movement.

#### "PICK THEM UP."

If a man falls in the gutter, pick him up;  
Do not pass him with a mutter, pick him up;  
Do not leave him sinking, sinking  
Down in the sins of unholiness;  
Throw the lifeline, be his keeper;  
Break the bonds and set him free.

If a woman's name is blighted, pick her up;  
Weary, wayward and benighted, pick her up;  
Throw the lifeline to her, sister,  
Ere she goes beyond recall;  
If the lips of sin have kissed her  
It has sometimes kissed us all.  
Do not leave her sinking, sinking  
Down in sin's unholiness;  
Send the lifeline, be her keeper,  
Break the bonds and set her free.

Miss Grace Williams, a valued member of the staff of the Sun, left Saturday for Colorado Springs, Colo. She will possibly be away all of the summer.

#### HOME FOR CHILDREN.

The Colored Federated Charities have consolidated the three organizations—the South Side Day Nursery, the Industrial Orphan's Home, and St. Simon's Day Nursery, and have moved them all to 2446 Michigan avenue, and established a Home for children. The building has been thoroughly cleaned and put into an up-to-date sanitary condition. Thirty children are already regular inmates, and the Day Nursery provides for as high as seventeen transient children some days.

We desire to thank the churches and clubs for the substantial aid given—some having already done a great deal and others in line to give help. The Graceland Art Club, the Centennial M. E. Church, Allen Chapel, and a club of "Friends" have furnished rooms completely with the best of furnishings. St. Stephen's Church have a handsome large rug, and library table for the reception room. Pleasant Green Baptist Church is providing a complete outfit of kitchen utensils. The Carnation Art Club and Bachelor Boys have begun on their rooms this week. Our thanks are due also to the ladies who rendered efficient help with the sewing, Mesdames Rone, Baldwin, Lytle, Bailey and Miss S. Thornton.

Much is still needed and we would be grateful if some of the churches or clubs would provide linoleum for the old floors and four bath rooms. We also need light fixtures and a load of sand for the children to play in. We invite the public to come to see the Home and find out our needs and what we are endeavoring to do.

Again we thank the friends for their assistance, which includes Dr. Ernest McCampbell and Mr. T. B. Watkins, who kindly moved the children to the Home in their automobiles.

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#### A CALL FROM THE WOMEN OF ILLINOIS TO THE WOMEN OF MISSOURI.

Recognizing the old adage "In union there is strength," the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs have issued a call to the Western States asking that the women join themselves together in a compact body, the better to work to promote religious, social and civic conditions, and to make a stronger protest against unwise and unfair legislation.

To this end the Presidents of the State Federations have been asked to name representatives to the Conference which convenes August 16, 1915, at St. Mark's A. M. E. Church, Chicago, Illinois, at which time a Northwestern Federation will be organized.

The Conference will be in conjunction with the Illinois State Federation meeting, the Lincoln Jubilee and the National Half-Century Exposition.

The following women have been named to represent the Missouri Federation: Minnie L. Crosthwaite, Lucinda Day, Pearl M. Dabney and Ruth Lange, Kansas City; Gertrude Hall, Lexington; Mary E. Goins, Estella Diggs, Ella Lane, Rosetta Bennett, Mrs. A. E. Murray and Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Jefferson City; Dollie Stevens, Bettie Woods and Miss Thelma Dixon, Hannibal; Josie E. Williams, Frankford; Ida A. Hill, Booneville; Emma Fisher and Mayme Smith, Sedalia; Marie Newton and Ida E. Schwabach, Columbia; Alma Clark and Florence Jenkins, St. Louis; Mrs. R. F. No. land, Palmyra; Elnora Jones, St. Joseph; Daisy Baker, Farmington; Benora Highsmith and Leola L. Fields, Carrollton; Ida L. Garnett, Macon; Mrs. A. J. Abington, Clarksville.

These representatives have been appointed by the President of the Federated Clubs of Missouri, Mrs. Ida A. Walker, to represent our State Federation.

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#### A. M. E. DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Kansas City District Conference, S. S. Convention; A. C. E. L.; W. M. M. S., held a most successful meeting at A. M. E. church, Higginville, Mo. June 23-25, with W. H. Peck, D. D., presiding. At 10 a. m. devotional services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Martain; 11 a. m., annual sermon by Rev. Peck, then Holy Communion.

At 2:30 p. m. the S. S. Convention was organized and a very interesting annual address was delivered by the District Superintendent, Miss Sadie Braxton.

At 8:00 p. m. Miss Anna M. Britt, Mistress of Ceremonies, introduced the Mayor of the city in the person of S. J. Kleinschmidt, who extended a most hearty welcome, and the audience in turn showed their appreciation by a continuous and enthusiastic applause. Following this were the addresses from the four auxiliaries on behalf of the church. Then W. H. Peck, Master of Ceremonies, introduced the corresponding speakers, who responded on behalf of the Conference.

Thursday, 2:30 p. m., the W. M. M. S. was opened by its President, Mrs. H. B. Green. After devotionals, she delivered a most eloquent annual address.

At 8:00 p. m. a literary and musical concert was enjoyed by all, directed and managed by Prof. R. G. Jackson. All numbers were good, and we are puzzled to say which was best, but feel the following deserve special mention: Miss Reulah Douglass, with her left hand selection; soprano soloists, Miss Lena Mosely and Miss Cozetta Kingsberry; Mr. E. R. Roberson, baritone soloist; and Mrs. S. Dimery. A brief talk was also made by H. T. Kealing, President Western University. He also made some announcements regarding the school.

Friday at 9:00 a. m. devotionals were conducted by Rev. Geo. F. Martin, Mrs. F. B. Peck, Conference Superintendent A. C. E. L., made her annual address. She made many good points which were enjoyed by the young people.

At 2:30 p. m. the four auxiliaries met in a joint session.

The most important feature of this session was a very able address, "The David and Goliath of Today," by Prof. A. Gregg of Kansas City, S. S. Union. Just before adjournment the Hon. N. C. Crews of Kansas City came in, was introduced and made a very brief talk owing to the lateness of the hour.

#### The Lincoln High Alumni Association of Kansas City, Mo.,

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at 4 o'clock p. m.  
SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1915

The cornerstone will be laid by Hon. E. J. Hawkins, Grand Master of the Masonic jurisdiction of Kansas.  
Hon. N. C. Crews, G. M., of Missouri, will deliver the Masonic oration.

The following Grand Officers will be present and deposit the history of their Order in the Archives of the building:

Dorsey Green, G. M. of Odd Fellows of Kansas.  
T. B. Watkins, G. M. of Odd Fellows of Missouri.  
Rev. George McNeal, G. M. of U. B. F. of Kansas.  
Representative of the U. B. F. of Missouri.  
Dr. B. H. Thompson, G. C. R. of P. of Kansas.  
A. W. Lloyd, G. C. R. of P. of Missouri.

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Commander in Chief of the Uniform Rank, K. of P., and member of the Illinois State Legislature, who succeeded in passing in both houses and signed by the Governor a bill appropriating \$60,000 for the completion of a new Armory for the 8th Illinois Regiment of the National Guard.

#### EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI.

The following were guests at the Albany Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Mo. last week: A. M. Schweich and Bartlett Akers of Columbia, Mo.; C. L. Smith of Salt Lake City, Utah; Francis Wilson of Omaha; Francis A. Hayes and Nina Z. Bell of Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. and Mrs. Jasper Thompson and Dr. S. H. Thompson motored from Kansas City, Kas.; Albert Collins, Mrs. Michigan Miles, Mrs. Pharoah Santee, Miss Simpson, Miss Lela Elmore and party of friends and Jas. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Ruth Hayes of Jefferson City, Mo.; Mr. Benj. Harrison of Raton, N. M.; Mr. Wm. McKnight and crew are doing nicely.... The last dance of the season was largely attended by visitors from Kansas City, Mo., Liberty and Richmond, Mo.

#### ROSEDALE, KANSAS.

The Pleasant Valley Baptist Church is progressing nicely. Rev. Glover preached an interesting sermon at the morning and evening services. One addition was made to the church.... The Mission Circle is doing creditable work. Mrs. Lillian Schuler is president. At a recent contest for a beautiful quilt Mrs. Schuler was the winner, having brought in the largest amount of money.... The pastor and members of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church are very grateful to all for assistance in their recent rally. The rally will continue until September. Two more Clubs have been organized under the leadership of Mrs. Winone Maddox and Mr. Chan. Maddox. The other two are under the leadership of

Miss Bernice Shelby and Mr. Levi Collins.

#### VINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Mrs. Julia Caldwell was able to be at church Sunday. We hope she will continue to improve.... Miss Wardie Blackwell, who has been teaching school in Washington, D. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. P. L. Blackwell. We wish for her a pleasant stay—All services were well attended. Five additions were made to the church. The B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday evening at 5:30 p. m. All are invited. Sunday the 11th will be election of officers. Don't fail to come. The Mission Circle will hold their election next Tuesday evening. All are invited.

### Barber Shop Beautiful

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Through the columns of our Kansas City Sun I am pleased to give hearty thanks to my friends and patrons who have been so loyal to me during my four years' business venture in your midst. I have recently remodeled my barber shop and billiard parlor, the expenditure of which I can truthfully say does not exceed the demands of my patrons. Twenty-seven years ago when I began my business career as a barber, then being employed to cater to white trade, it was always my ambition to own and operate a tonorial parlor that could meet the demands of the times. During a lapse of many years, the barber business has undergone many changes unnecessary to detail, so also has the progress of our own race, and at the expiration of twenty years, it is not only gratifying to me to have realized my ambition, but also that I am able to meet the honest claim of my own race of people whose advancement is little less than a miracle. It is my intention to further the improvement at all times and give to my patrons the service of which they are worthy, the best possible to give. At present I have a working force that cannot be excelled, all reliable, sober, thorough gentlemen. In connection with my tonorial parlor I have conducted successfully a well ordered billiard parlor and have fitted the same with an equipment that meets the demands of my billiard patrons. I will add a word concerning this particular business which has also been subjected to many changes. In years past this form of amusement was connected with saloons and gambling houses, but more recently it has been placed in homes and connected with various institutions as a high class indoor amusement. By adhering to strict clean rules, I have tried to bring this form of amusement to its proper elevation and consequently have a class of trade that demand the best. Thanking you again and in advance for your kind patronage, I am,  
Respectfully yours,  
JOHN A. JONES.



REV. J. M. BOOKER, D. D.

The intellectual and aggressive pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, and President of the Baptist State Convention, which held a very interesting and prosperous session in Jefferson City this week.

Mrs. Fannie Parker returned from an extended trip through Louisiana and spent some time in New Orleans and Centerville. She feels that we should consider ourselves most fortunate as the men only make 85 cents and the women 25 cents per day without board.